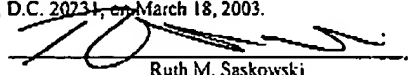


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In the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 18 September 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 18 December 2002. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 18 March 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 31 and 39-47 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.

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